

Idaho State Bar
Taxation, Probate & Trust Law Section
Minutes of Section Annual Meeting of September 11, 2009

1. Call to order: meeting was called to order by John McGown, Chairperson, at 11:30 a.m. at the Sun Valley Lodge in Sun Valley, Idaho.
2. Meeting minutes from meeting of June 9, 2009 were distributed to the members. John McGown asked for a motion to accept the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Committee Reports & Assignments:
 - a. Legislative Committee (TEPI) – Member: Robert Aldridge. John advised attendees of status update of this committee.
 - b. Public Service Committee – Member: Victoria Meier. John advised attendees of status update of this committee.
 - c. CLE Committee – Member: Allan Bosch, Sharon Powers, Deb Cordes, and Nick Marshall. Nick advised attendees of status update of this committee.
 - d. Newsletter Committee - Member: Erick Shaner. John advised attendees of status update of this committee.
 - e. Tax Liaison - Members John McGown and Bob Aldridge. John advised attendees of status update of this committee. Of particular note is the IRS Practitioner Liaison Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2009. This meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Room 384 of the Federal Building in Boise.
 - f. Probate and Guardianship Form Books - Members: Joe Uberuaga, Jim Kaufman, Steve Alkire, Mel Fisher, and Robert Aldridge. John noted that new form books are nearing completion.
4. Other Business:
 - a. Report from Strategic Planning Committee - Members: John McGown, Mark McBride, Nick Marshall, Pete Bredeson, Greg Powers, Dave Turner, Sharon Powers, and Ron Caron. John and Mark addressed the attendees regarding the Section's implementation of a strategic plan to address fund balances and pending action by the Idaho State Bar to implement spend down standards. Discussed various requests for monetary donations from Idaho Legal Aid Services, Young Lawyers Section, and University of Idaho Business Law Association.

b. CLE for October 2009 Section meeting will include Dan John from the Idaho State Tax Commission. CLE for December 2009 Section meeting will include Judge Bieter to discuss mediation in probate cases.

c. John reminded attendees that the Section is hosting a dinner for Tax Court Judge Joel Gerber at 6:00 p.m. on September 14, 2009 at Chandler's in Boise.

d. John reported on the August issue of the Advocate that was sponsored by the Section. John was pleased with its publication and expressed his gratitude to the various contributors.

e. John briefly discussed the request from Dave Arkoosh from the University of Idaho Business Law Association for a money contribution and a contribution of time from Section members.

f. The Annual Meeting for State Tax Sections is going to be held on October 30-31, 2009 in Washington, D.C. Ron Caron is going to attend on behalf of the Section and will report back his findings.

g. John is working on updating the Section's By-Laws and requested volunteers to assist.

h. Nomination of new Officers and Governing Council Members for the Section to start on January 1, 2010. John advised that the By-Laws require a vote by secret ballot but that traditionally, votes have not conformed to the By-Laws. John is going to address this in proposed amendments to the By-Laws. John asked the members to waive the requirement of secret ballot to vote on new Officers and Governing Council Members. All members waived the requirement of secret ballot vote for the nomination of new Officers and Governing Council Members.

The new Officers for 2010 are as follows:

Chair: Mark McBride

Vice Chair: Ron Caron

Secretary/Treasurer: Jim Manning

The new Governing Council Members for 2010 are as follows:

Pete Bredeson

Amy Kingston

Chris Moore

5. Next Meetings:

a. Section Meeting: October 13, 2009 (Boise)

Meeting Adjourned at noon.